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1. In September 1953, the Wismar Harbor Community employed about 900 persons. It was planned to incorporate Derutra in Wismar, which employed about 540 workmen, with the VEB Hafenemeinschaft (Harbor Community) in Wismar not later than 31 December 1953. R. V. I. Makarov, a Soviet citizen, living on Jahnstrasse in Wismar, who was the head of the Derutra in Wismar, ordered that about 30 boxes, 1 by 1 1/2 meters, be made for him in September, as he expected to leave Wismar not later than 31 December 1953. G. Schumacher, the German manager of the Derutra in Wismar, was transferred to Rostock and was succeeded by 35-year old G. H. Bibisch who served as Oberleutnant with an AA unit during the war.
2. Wismar harbor was organized into three harbor districts, district I being headed by Inspektor Mauk (fnu), district II by Inspektor Zierke (fnu) and district III by Inspektor Mentzel (fnu). Werner Zech was a shipbroker in the harbor. He and thirty-year old Heinz Menteufel and 20-year old Horst Huebner served as SM informants. Wernken (fnu), the former operating manager of the potash tilting plant, was dismissed and Ernst Warner, the head of the pilot service at the Waterways Main Office in Rostock, was arrested. Source believed that Weiss (fnu), head of the pilot service in Wismar, had caused his arrest.
3. It was planned to erect seven 10-ton cranes in harbor district I. In September 1953, the quay wall in this district was widened by 1.5 meter and strengthened along its whole length. All old buildings were razed to make room for six new sheds, each 300 meters long. A 5-ton timber handling crane was erected in harbor district III and the water depth in the navigable channel was dredged to 26 feet.

Comment. Werner was a reserve Kapitänleutnant during the war and, from 1945 to late 1947, was harbor master of the Bremerhaven fishing harbor.

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